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New businesses bring 2,000 jobs to Romulus

Four new logistics businesses bringing nearly $440,000 in tax revenue to Romulus celebrated official ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the Ecorse Commons Industrial Park last week. LaserShip, Pitney Bowes, Hearn Industrial Services and DHL were welcomed to the city by Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, Assistant Wayne County Executive Khalil Rahal and Chief Marketing Officer of Northpoint Development Brent Miles.

"We're thrilled to welcome LaserShip, Pitney Bowes, Hearn Industrial services and DHL to the Ecorse Commons Industrial Park and we look forward to continuing to see the positive impact these new businesses have already had on our community's local economy and workforce," said Burcroff. "We strive to be a business-friendly community because we know developments such as the ones announced today will not only have a tremendous impact on Romulus' economy, but on the region and state's economy as well."

A total of 1,973 new jobs were created from construction and staffing post-construction as a result of the development at Ecorse Commons Industrial Park. Additionally, the businesses are estimated to have an economic development impact of more than $440,000 in annual tax revenue and $15 million in payroll revenue.

The four new businesses are the first companies to open in the Ecorse Commons Industrial Park, which is located at 37350 Ecorse Road and comprise two buildings totaling 654,887 square feet of industrial space. Located on 68 acres of land adjacent to the General Motors Powertrain Plant and 10 minutes from Ford Wayne Assembly, Ecorse Commons was developed in partnership between Northpoint Development and the city.

"Romulus has the vision to know that capital access, jobs and development are a good thing for their community,"

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Graduation day

Participants mark completion of 29th District Court program

Nobody said it would be easy, but for more than 30 participants in the Western Wayne County Regional Behavioral Treatment Court (RBTC), graduating was worth the effort.

Judge Breeda O'Leary of the 29th District Court in Wayne presided at a virtual graduation ceremony last month honoring the graduates of the program.

The students completed the program started by former 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack and many were excited to attend and share their thoughts about life after successfully graduating. One graduate, Lance Kennard, explained that he had been involved with the court system previously, but that this program was different, mainly because he was treated as an equal and with respect; he said he truly felt that the RBTC programs team members were his support system and cared deeply about his success.

Mack said she recognized the need for mental health services among those coming before her in the courtroom and established the RBTC program in 2013. The mission of the RBTC is to compassionately provide appropriate services and monitoring of adult defendants who suffer from serious mental illnesses, developmental disabilities and/or co-occurring disorders, who are convicted of misdemeanor crimes in Western Wayne County. The program is an effort to reduce the burdens on the criminal justice system, reduce the costs of mental health treatment and improve the quality of the participants' lives. O'Leary, who replaced retired Mack in June of 2020, said she is committed to continuing the RBTC program.

Guest speaker at the graduation was Harold Leffal, who told the graduates of the hardships he faced as a low-income child with a father addicted to heroin. He emphasized that everyone is capable of moving on and facing life's challenges as well as reminding the graduates and current participants that they have the strength to live a stable and happy life.

Among those in attendance to

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Cities of Northville, Plymouth name new fire chief

Matt Samhat

Matt Samhat has been named as the new chief of the Northville City Fire Department (NCFD).

The Northville Department also provides all emergency fire services to the City of Plymouth and operates from two stations, one at Plymouth City Hall and one in Old Village.

Samhat has risen through the ranks of the Northville department after joining the force in 2012 as a firefighter and later becoming an emergency medical technician (EMT). He then advanced to serve sequentially as lieutenant, captain, and fire marshal in 2020. He fills the post that opened with the retirement of former Fire Chief Steven Ott July 2.

The Northville City Fire Department provides fire suppression, basic life support, EMS, fire prevention and inspection services and public education for the cities of Northville and Plymouth. The combined department operates out of three stations and includes a full-time fire chief and 55 part-time and paid on call firefighters and EMS responders. Between the two cities, the department serves an area of 4.5 square miles and a residential population of 15,000. The department responds to approximately 1,600 calls for service each year, according to official records.

"I'm excited to assume the role of chief and to continue the partnership between Northville and Plymouth," the new chief said.

Samhat said his goal as chief is to continue to advance the department by integrating technology into systems and bolstering the recruitment and

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Canton - Sumpter

7th Annual Rally on Ridge Road set July 24

A long line of food trucks is expected along Ridge Road July 24 during the Seventh Annual Rally on Ridge in Canton Township.

The event is a benefit to help support the Canton Farmers Market and will include live entertainment in addition to the food trucks lined along Ridge Road between Uptown Avenue and Cherry Hill Road from 4 until 9 p.m.

Cherry Hill School, located at 50440 Cherry Hill Road, will play host to the food trucks featuring gourmet menus, as well as live music from local artists. Eventgoers who plan to stay for the music are encouraged to bring along a lawn chair or picnic blanket, organizers said.

A complete list of participating food trucks will be available on the Canton Farmers Market Facebook page the week of the event. Spaces are still available for food trucks owners who are interested in participating in the event this year. Contact the Canton Farmers Market at cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org for details. Entertainment will feature the CrasherZ Band, playing R&B, dance, and rock hits.

There will also be a beer garden featuring hard cider selections available for participants 21 and older. Discounted pre-sale beer tickets are available online at www.cantonfun.org until July 23. Five tickets are priced at $15 and available by entering Rally on Ridge 2021 under Register for Programs. Day of event tickets will be available onsite for $5 per ticket or five for $20.

> *We're hoping that folks come and enjoy delicious eats, cool beverages, and a night full of fun entertainment.*

"We are excited to be able to bring back this annual event that offers the perfect opportunity to enjoy a pleasant summer evening outside with some delicious eats from a fantastic lineup of gourmet food trucks, as well as talented local entertainment," said Jennifer Franz, Canton health and wellness specialist. "We're hoping that folks come and enjoy delicious eats, cool beverages, and a night full of fun entertainment."

A portion of the proceeds collected from food vendor sales during this special fundraiser will benefit the farmers market, which is currently celebrating the 15th season. With the recent influx in "buy local" initiatives, the Canton Farmers Market is seeing an increase in both the number of participating growers and in customers, organizers said. As such, the market continues to expand and is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Sunday, rain or shine, through Oct. 17, at Preservation Park.

Additional parking will be available at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge. No admission is needed to attend the event. For additional information about this special fundraiser, as well as the Canton Farmers Market, visit www.canton-mi.org/496.

Museum exhibit traces history of Canton farms

Ever wonder "Whose Farm Do You Live On?"

The history of Canton Township, dating back to the 1800s, shows that land many now call home was once farmland for crops and cattle. Local residents can discover the history of the land on which their home sits at a new exhibit which will continue through the month of September.

The exhibit details the history of the thriving farming community from the 1800s and well into the 1900s before the transformation by land developers began during the 1930s. Visitors can discover who originally purchased the land and the names of families who lived there. Historic maps of the township are on display to show what current property looked like during various eras along with tools used by these families for farming, personal care, cooking, play, and education.

The exhibit, at the Canton Historical Museum, is open from 1until 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Canton Historical Museum is located at 1022 S. Canton Center Road on the corner of Canton Center Road and Heritage Park Drive. Still in the original location, the Canton Historical Museum was previously used as a one-room schoolhouse. Formerly known as the Canton Center School, this historical site started out in 1840 as a log cabin schoolhouse but burned down in 1883 and was rebuilt with bricks the following year.

Admission to the Canton Historical Museum is by donation. For additional information, visit www.cantonhistorical-society.org or call (734) 397-0088 for group tour details.

Promoted

Rick Brown was named as Sumpter Township Fire Chief by members of the Township Board of Trustees during a meeting last month. Brown, a 36-year veteran of the department, was unanimously appointed to the top job in the department. Brown served as deputy fire chief in the township for many years and served as interim fire chief for two months prior to accepting the promotion. He will be the first-ever, full-time fire chief in the history of the township noted Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke in congratulating Brown on the promotion.

MADD man

Canton Township Police Ofc. Joseph Doll has been nominated for the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Michigan Lifesavers award. Doll, with the department since 2016, made 32 operating under the influence of alcohol/drug arrests in Canton during the 2020 calendar year. The MADD Lifesavers Awards are presented annually and highlight officers and law enforcement agencies who embrace the mission to eliminate drunk driving, support victims, and prevent underage drinking. Individuals and organizations can be nominated by their peers, commanding officers, or community members.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
2021 JULY BOARD OF REVIEW

The Sumpter Township Board of Review will be conducting the 2021 July Board of Review and will convene in the Sumpter Township Hall at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm

This is a correction Board of Review and will cover all clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact during the meeting.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 461-6201 ext 12236.

Esther Hurst
Township Clerk

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ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, August 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** by electronic remote access on the following proposed amendment to the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

MONARK GROVE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (FINAL PDD) - Consider request to establish a Planned Development District for the purpose of establishing a Housing for the Elderly land use on the following parcel nos.: 062-99-0004-000 (46475 Ford Rd.), 062-99-0005-000, 036-01-0003-003 (46311 Ford Rd.), 036-01-0003-005, 036-01-0003-006 (46109 Ford Rd.), 036-01-0004-001 (2057 Gorman Rd.), 036-01-0004-002, and 036-01-0005-000 (1941 Gorman Rd.) pursuant to Section 27.04 of the Zoning Ordinance. Property is located south of Ford Road between Canton Center Road and Beck Road.

To mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Canton Township residents; the Canton Township Planning Commission will conduct its meeting on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by video teleconference in accordance with Michigan law.

Public comments may be submitted to patrick.sloan@canton-mi.org at any time prior to the meeting. Additionally, written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Township Administration Building at 1150 S Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 2, 2021. The Secretary or staff will read comments submitted within the Rules of the Planning Commission during the meeting. Members of the public who attend by telephone or video may address the Planning Commission during the public hearing period via videoconference.

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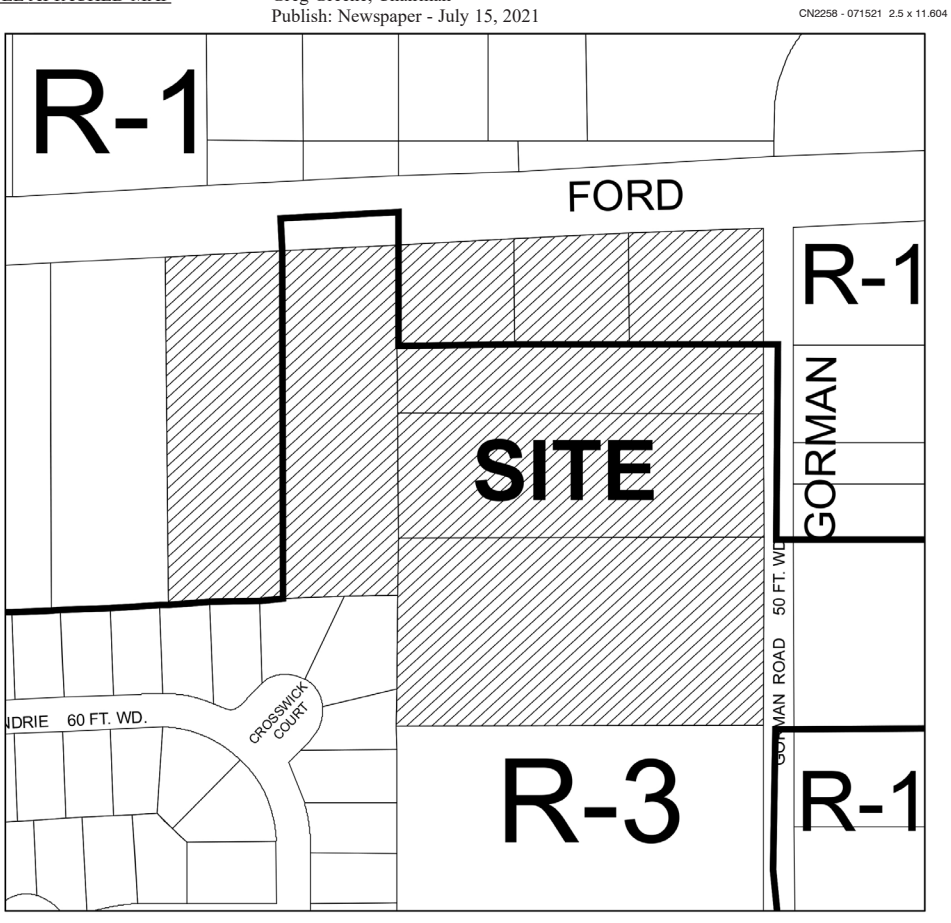

Monark Grove Canton 062-PDDF-6757

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WAYNE

New councilwoman is named

Members of the Wayne City Council officially appointed Deborah Wass to the vacant Ward 4 council term during the June 29 meeting.

She will complete the term of former Councilman Anthony Miller who retired and moved out of state in early June.

Wass, 52, is a lifelong Wayne resident and has previously served on the city planning commission and the board of review.

She and her husband, Curt, whom she met while both were members of the Wayne Memorial High School Marching Band, have been married since 1992 and are the parents of two adult daughters.

"I had been considering serving on the council for awhile, just to be involved in the community and see if I could make a difference," Wass said.

Wass is a real estate agent with ERA Reardon Realty based in Farmington.

"I feel like the council is now doing things that are positive," she said. "You know, everyone has a niche and I hope to learn how I can fit in and do the most good."

Wass was the only candidate interviewed for the term which expires in November of 2022.

Deborah Wass

Court

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show support for the graduates were Wayne County Sheriff Raphael Washington, City of Wayne Chief of Police Ryan Strong, members of the Wayne City Council: Mayor Pro Tem Tom Porter and Councilwoman Kelly Skiff, as well as several probation officers from surrounding district courts within Western Wayne County.

Each graduate was honored individually and had an opportunity to address the attendees and court.

One graduate explained his numerous struggles in the criminal justice system and his addiction to alcohol, even stating that he thought his fate was to die until he found structure within the RBTC program.

Another graduate sent an email after the ceremony to express her gratitude for the program.

"I want to say thank you. I now have a two-bedroom house, I have a car, I have a job. This program made me see life differently, made me want to do better not just for myself but more for my daughter. I have to set an example for her to do right in life and you don't need substances to get through things when life gets tough. I work delivering pizzas, it pays good money, just last night I made over $200 in tips. I'm starting to save money to buy a house for me and my daughter. You show you care for us, I have my life sort of together because of this program and I know my mom would be proud of me. Thank you so much," her email said.

Meet the champions

Champions of Wayne, the educational incentive program at Wayne Memorial High School, presented 38 students with $200 checks and gift cards for dinner at a local Wayne restaurant. Each of the student "champions" successfully achieved their academic goals for the semester in the midst of a very challenging year, school officials noted. Participating in the awards program was Richard Helppie. at left in photos, of the Helppie Family Charitable Foundation, who has been the primary sponsor since 2009; Lisa Styers of Arrow Cares; Wayne Memorial High School Principal Dr. James Anderson, and Kari Walker, president & CEO of The Guidance Center. Helppie, Styers and Walker all are alumni of Wayne Memorial High School.

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RIDGE CREEK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AMENDMENT - Consider request to amend the Planned Development District as permitted in Section 27.04 of the Zoning Ordinance on parcel nos.: 71-025-99-0004-701. Property is located on the south side of Warren Road, west of Ridge Road. Proposed amendments to the Planned Development District include changes to the garage location requirements, entrance signs, and approval period.

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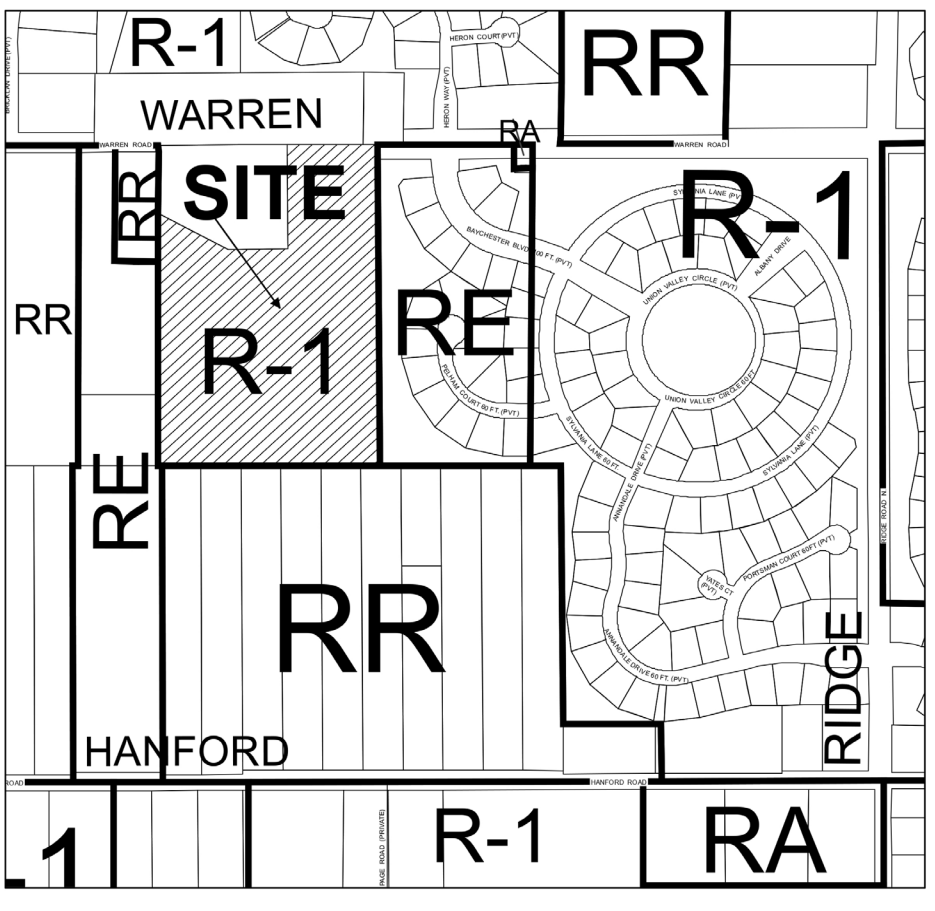

Ridge Creek PDD Amendment 025-PDDA-6803

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PANDA EXPRESS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AMENDMENT - Consider request to amend the Planned Development District as permitted in Section 27.04 of the Zoning Ordinance on part of parcel nos.: 71-132-99-0003-701 (45555 Michigan Ave.). Property is located on the south side of Michigan Ave., west of Belleville Road. Proposed amendments to the Planned Development District include the establishment of a fast food drive-through restaurant.

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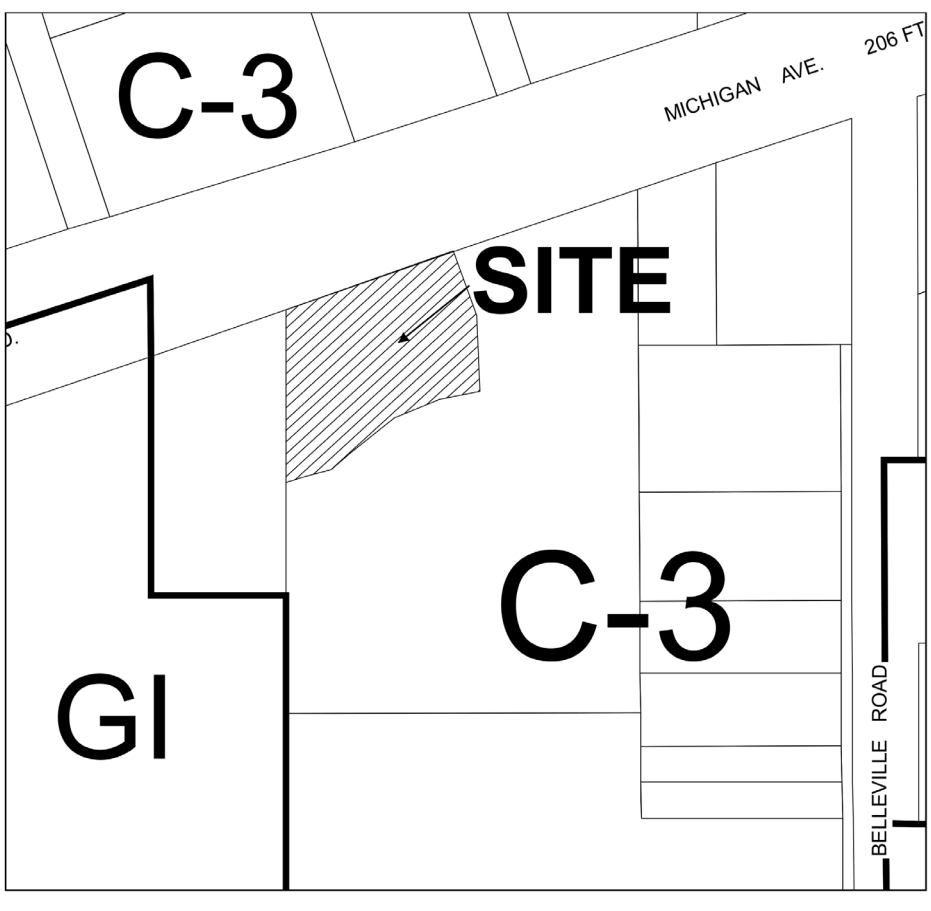

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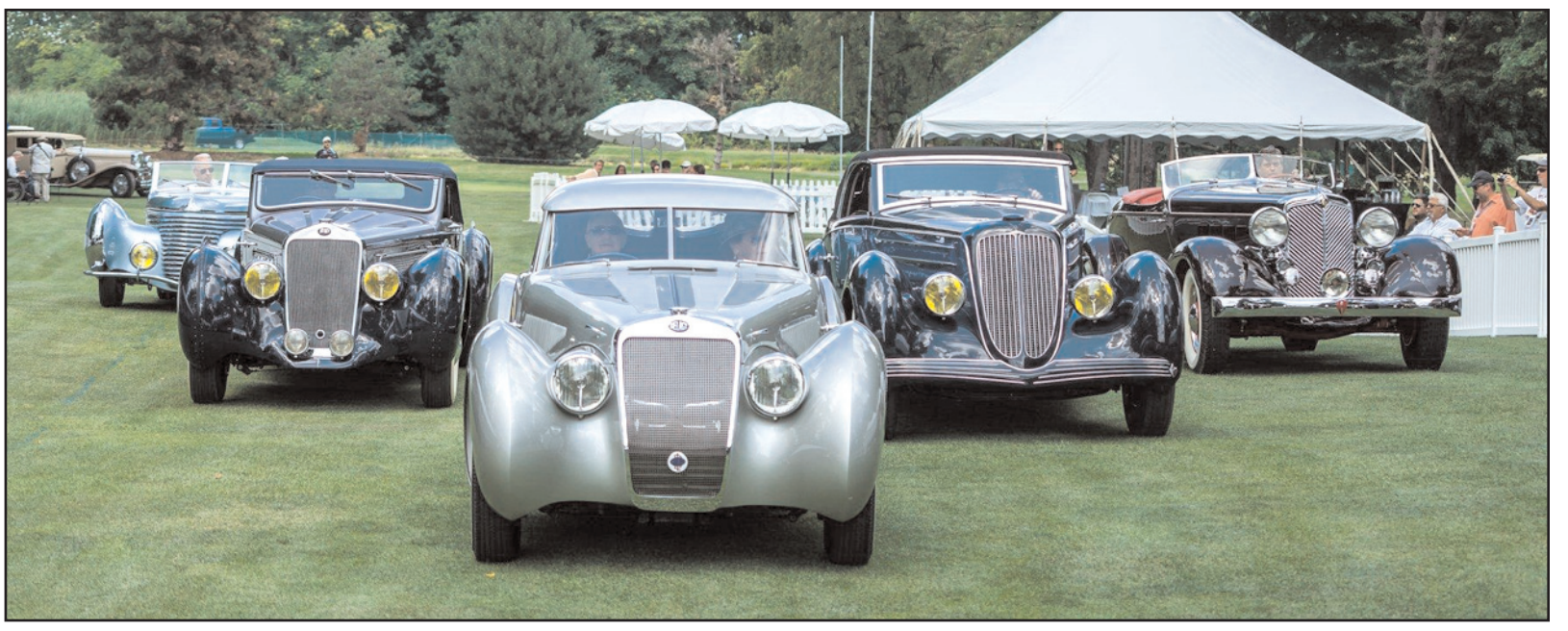
Inkster - Plymouth

Concours d'Elegance to leave Plymouth St. John's

Don Howard
Staff Writer



When the anticipated crowd of nearly 15,000 arrives at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth on Sunday, July 23, to view millions of dollars worth of classic automobiles from around the world, they may not realize this is the final Concours d'Elegance of America in this venue.

Big changes are in store for the ultimate classic car show that is considered to be one of the most prestigious automotive displays in the world when next year it moves to the inner city of Detroit.

Representatives from Hagerty, the classic car insurance company, historically a major sponsor of many automotive events, said they would take over the Concours d'Elegance of America starting next year. Other recent Hagerty acquisitions in addition to the Concours d'Elegance include Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance - another one of the premiere automotive events in the country, plus California Mille and the Greenwich Concours d'Elegance. Hagerty takes part in more than 2,500 car events annually

Hagerty showcased plans for the new location and the move from the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth to the Detroit Institute of Arts Museum, located on Woodward Avenue in the Midtown area. Not only is the prestigious event moving from the suburbs to the city, but will also move from July to September. The classic car insurance company is taking over the event from Bill Warner, who founded the Concours in 1996.

Concours d'Elegance of America moved from Meadow Brook Hall to the Plymouth location in 2000 to take advantage of the location and ambience of the rambling golf course on which to display the rare and vintage automobiles. The contract between Concours and the Inn at St. John's was set to expire at the end of 2018 after eight consecutive years and renewal at that time was said to be uncertain, but an agreement subsequently went forward after some vacillation.

In the interim period, Plymouth Township planners in 2017 approved a new $100 million luxury condominium development slated to be built at St. John's Golf Course owned by the Archdiocese of Detroit. Luxury homebuilder Toll Brothers worked with civil engineering firms, architects and golf course designers for more than a year on the proposal and company representatives submitted plans to construct a private, gated community made up of 174 townhomes on the back portion of the 200-acre grounds, located at Five Mile and Sheldon roads.

The plans for the development at the upscale Plymouth Township Golf Course came to a screeching halt in 2018 and no official reason for the termination of the plans on the golf course property was revealed. While an Archdiocese spokesperson refused comment, it was rumored that planned area was contaminated.

Last year the ConcoursUSA Board of Directors made the decision to postpone due to Covid-19 pandemic concerns. This year, the event is scheduled for three days, July 23-25 and will attract an estimated15,000 attendees and car aficionados.

Exhibition at the Concours is by invitation only and the vehicles are carefully juried by experts before the coveted invitations are issued to owners around the world. Enthusasts claim the Concours d'Elegance of America has a diverse field unrivaled by any other Concours event.

Inkster youth is charged in drive-by shooting of 13-year-old

A 16-year-old Inkster youth has been adult-designated and charged in the non-fatal wounding of a 13-year-old boy in a drive-by shooting during which the accused allegedly sprayed gunfire at five other youths.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said that the teen has not been charged as an adult, but if convicted, the judge has the option to sentence him as an adult or a juvenile, or even order a blended sentence if it is determined that the teen has not been rehabilitated.

The charges stem from an incident reported to Inkster police at about 9:23 p.m. June 18. The young victim was reportedly in the front yard of a home in the 250 block of Brentwood, standing next to a parked SUV. The vehicle was occupied by three males ages 13, 16, and 17, of Inkster, and another 15-year-old male, of Westland. It is alleged that a subcompact SUV occupied by the 16-year-old defendant drove west on Mt. Vernon passing through the intersection with Brentwood, when gunshots were heard and observed by the victims and witnesses, according to police reports.

Prosecutors allege that the 16-year-old respondent fired a handgun that shot the 13-year-old, causing a non-fatal wound to the chest, and fired at the four other victims in the car before driving from the scene. Additional bullets struck the SUV parked on Brentwood but did not hit any of the other four teens.

The 16-year-old has been charged with five counts of assault with intent to murder, one count of discharging a firearm at a motor vehicle, carrying a concealed weapon, and five counts of felony firearm.

Because of the ages of those involved, no names have been released by police or the office of the prosecutor.

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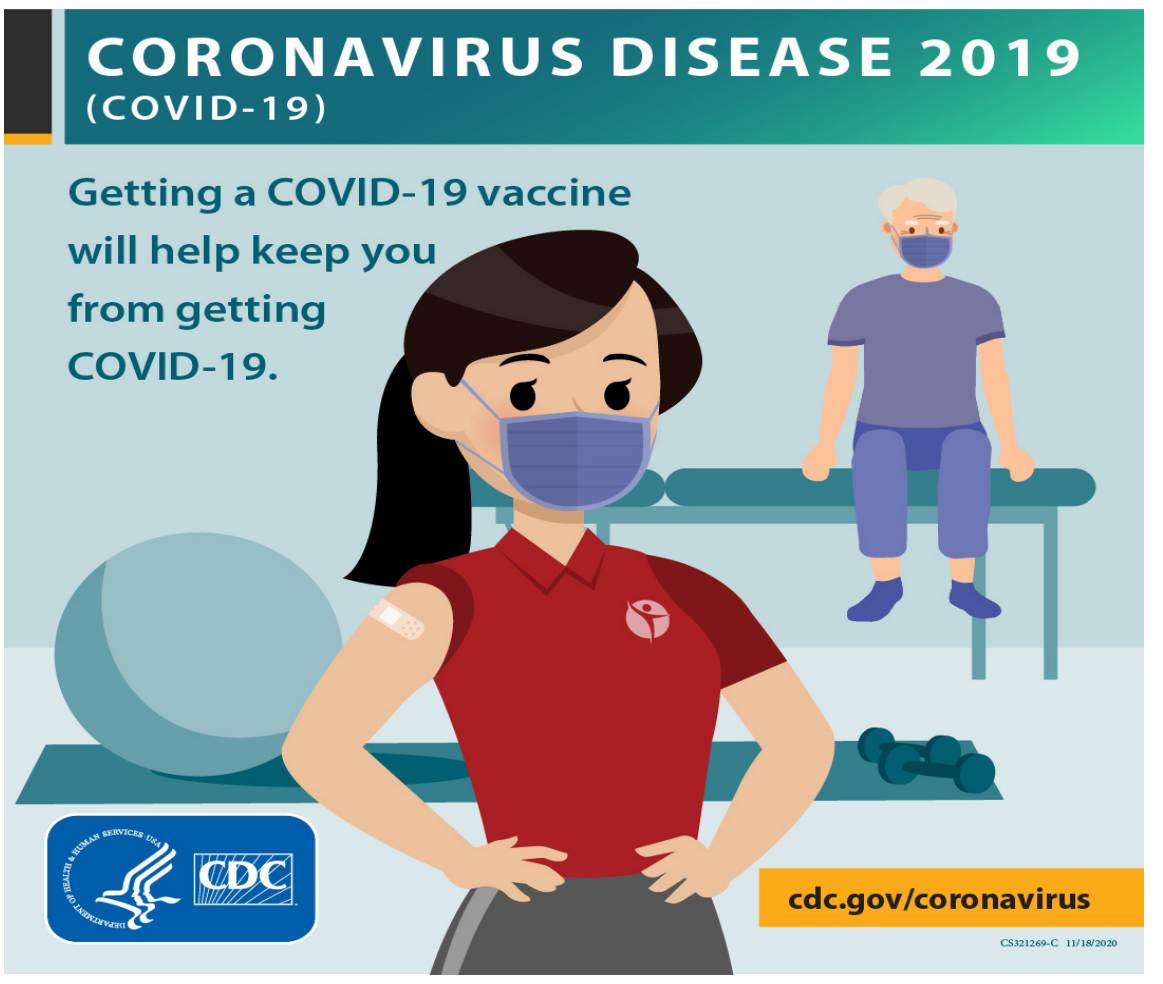

NORTHVILLE

Former firefighter charged with Plymouth home arson

A former Northville firefighter is facing up to life in prison and multiple fines if convicted of arson in a 2019 Plymouth Township house fire.

Patrick Michael Nolan, 40, faces one count of arson of an insured dwelling and one count of second-degree arson in the burning of a home he owned on the 50000 block of Sheffield Court in Plymouth Township on Jan. 1, 2019. The home was insured for $1 million due to fire losses, according to court documents. Michigan State Police investigators determined the fire started in the master bedroom, a basement storage room and a common hall at the top of the basement stairs. The investigators determined that an accelerant was used in all three separate areas and that the fire was caused by an individual.

> *He was previously convicted of aggravated stalking and was on probation until February of 2019 on that charge.*

Reports indicated that Nolan's truck was parked at the home within two hours of a neighbor reporting the fire. That information was obtained, investigators said, by a review of the electronics installed in the vehicle.

According to Northville officials, Nolan was employed with the Northville Fire Department from August of 2017 until September of 2018 when he resigned his position as a firefighter.

Nolan's former wife notified authorities of her concerns regarding his involvement in the fire at the home immediately after the blaze. He was previously convicted of aggravated stalking and was on probation until February of 2019 on that charge. His former wife said he had terrorized her with death threats and used a helicopter and a firearm while stalking her. The couple owned Priority One, an emergency service equipment supplier located on Belleville Road in Canton Township. The company sells and installs equipment for police vehicles. According to the victim, Nolan hacked into the business phone system and into her cell phone. She claimed he shut down utilities at the business and closed several company bank accounts and canceled credit cards. She told the court during a hearing for a Personal Protection Order that she had moved four times during the legal process but that he located her each time.

Patrick Michael Nolan

Nolan's bond was set at $250,000 or 10-percent and he must forfeit all weapons, his passport and will be placed on a tether if released. His next court appearance is set for tomorrow, July 16, and a preliminary court examination on the charges is scheduled for July 23.

Digging in

Members of the Northville Rotary Club spent part of the hot and humid July 4th weekend spreading new mulch, weeding, and planting at Rotary Well Park. Rotary volunteers expressed their gratitude to Gerry Burke and Scott Warren for hauling the loaded wheelbarrow back and forth and to favorite club guest Vicky Bardsley for her hard work. Northville Beautification Commission member Diane Pittaway helped guide the project while the Northville DPW provided the mulch and use of the wheelbarrow. Not pictured is volunteer David Jerome.

Chief

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retention program to combat the shortage of individuals entering the fields of fire and EMS.

What he likes most about firefighting and EMS work, he said, is "having greater involvement in the community and being able to help those in need."

Samhat earned his bachelors degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University, and attended the Fire Academy at NCFD. When he learned that most runs involve a medical component, he also earned his EMT license. In addition to his firefighting and fire officer certifications, Samhat is a certified State of Michigan Fire Inspector, and a member of the Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue Team. He was named Firefighter of the Year for NCFD in 2019 and received commendations from the Novi Department of Public Safety for assisting that agency.

"Ten years ago, I never would have thought I'd be chief, but as soon as I started in the fire service I learned it was my passion," he said.

"It became natural to continue to learn and move through the ranks."

While serving as an on-call firefighter, he worked in construction as his main occupation. He owns a property investment and management company, Samhat Investments, which he will continue to operate outside of his fire chief role. His construction company, however, will be put on hold, he said.

In his spare time, he plays baseball and volleyball with his children, Max and Lila, and enjoys hiking and camping with his wife, Annie, and their children.

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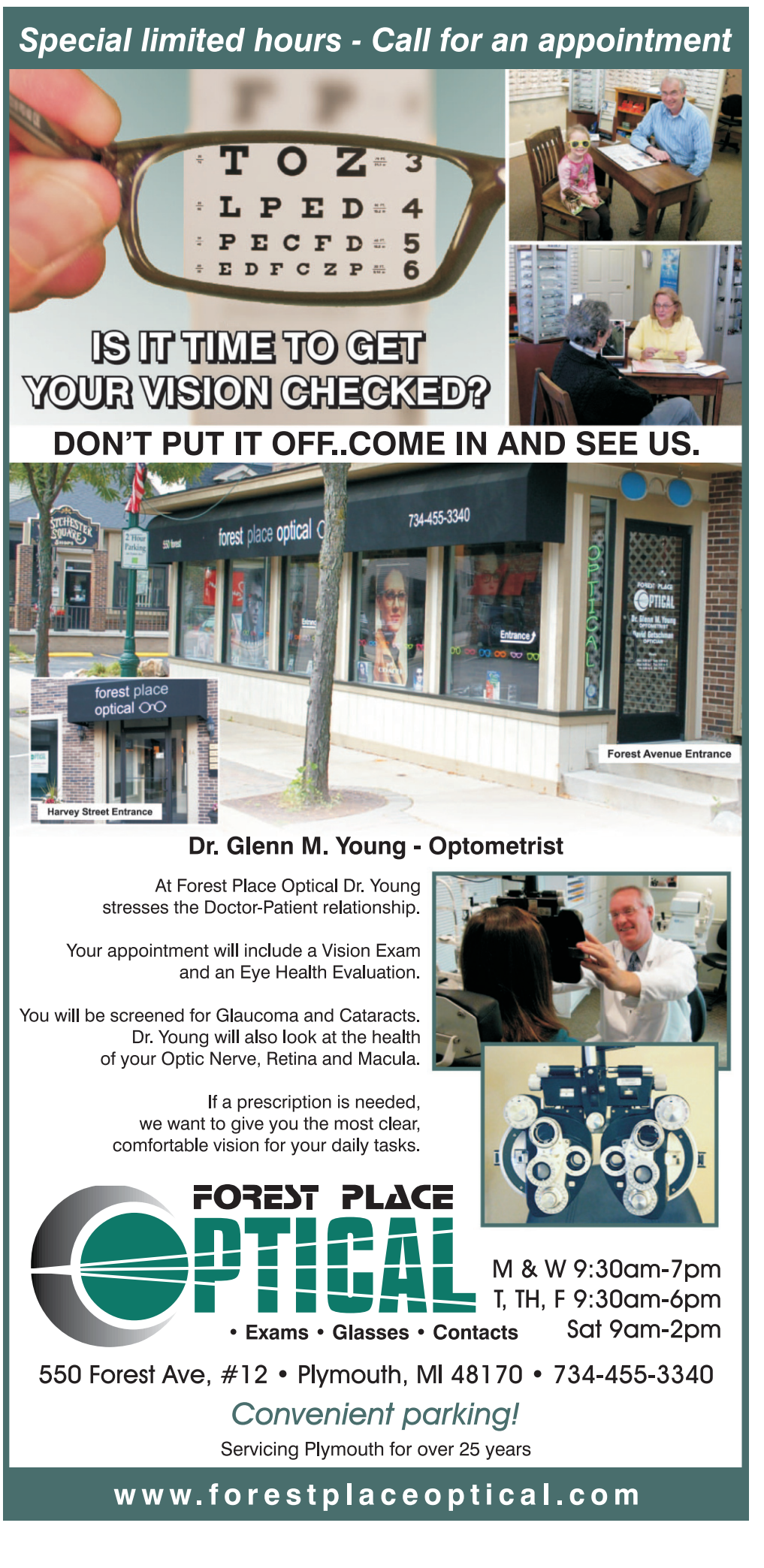
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Romulus - Westland

Good neighbors

Westland police department slates series of community meetings

The Westland Police Department has developed a new community policing initiative called the Westland Police Neighborhood Safety Program.

Working in partnership with neighborhood residents, the Westland Police Department will identify and resolve specific quality of life problems or concerns, police officials said.

"Our police department kicked off the Neighborhood Safety Program in June at Stottlemyer Park and we had a lot of great discussion and engagement from residents in the surrounding area," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "Recognizing that every neighborhood has different concerns and public safety needs, we now move to tackle the concerns in other areas of the community."

With the cooperation of Westland residents, the Westland Police Department will be able to identify neighborhood traffic concerns; neighbor disputes; vandalism; potential drugs; thefts and safety concerns. Police officers will provide neighborhood specific crime statistics and safety tips, officials said.

The next neighborhood safety meeting will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 17 at Voss Park with a specific focus being on the neighborhoods south of Cherry Hill to Palmer and from Venoy east to Henry Ruff. Voss Park is located at 30600 Palmer Road.

An additional meeting will take place at 10 a.m. July 31 at Curtis Woods Park with a specific focus on the neighborhoods south of Cherry Hill to Palmer and from Newburgh East to Wayne Road. Curtis Woods Park is located at 36400 Palmer Road.

Wild, Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik and members of the Westland Community Police Team will be in attendance for both of these meetings.

There will be regular meetings scheduled throughout the year in order to specifically focus individually on Westland neighborhoods, Wild said.

Further information will available at www.cityofwestland.com and https://www.facebook.com/Westland-Police-Community-Partnership-548583351829011

Romulus reinstates delinquent water shut-off penalties

Those with late water bills in Romulus could be subject to a shut off of service, city officials cautioned.

The delinquent water policy in the city, deferred during the COVID pandemic, was reinstated effective July 2 and includes the former provisions which include water shut off for delinquencies of $300 or more.

There is also a 10-percent penalty fee assessed to water bills beginning in July. The 10-percent only applies to the current charges if the balance is not paid in full by the due date, officials said.

Accounts with delinquent water bills more than $300 will be subject to disconnection. Those residents who have unpaid water bills for periods before July 1, 2021 must contact the water department to make arrangements for a payment plan on the past due amount.

All customers will be eligible for a new payment plan, regardless if they have defaulted on a previous payment plan, officials said. Residents can contact the water department at (734) 942-7560 for more information or to make payment arrangements. Business hours are 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Candidate appeals removal from mayoral primary ballot

Whether William Asper's name appears on the Aug. 3 primary election ballot in Westland will be determined by Michigan Secretary of State.

Asper's name was removed from the list of viable mayoral candidates by Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc following a meeting of the city election commission where it was determined that Asper is actually a Canton Township resident.

Mayor William R. Wild and City Council President Jim Hart serve on the commission and made the unanimous decision to remove Asper's name from the ballot based on his residency status.

Asper has filed an appeal of the June 2 decision to the secretary of state hoping to have his name added to the list of candidates vying to replace incumbent Wild.

Asper has admitted that he only registered to vote in Westland the same day he filed his petition to seek election and that he was not a Westland resident when he filed seeking the office.

He claims that he was renovating a home on Allegan Court which he has owned since 2018 and that he owns several other properties in Westland. According to city records, the Allegan property has not had water service since June of 2020 and does not have a valid certificate of occupancy. Mail sent to Asper at the address he provided on his candidacy paperwork was returned to LeBlanc's office as undeliverable and stamped "vacant."

He has admitted that he was not a Westland resident when he filed his petition for office but claims he will reside in the Allegan Court home. He is asking the secretary of state to force the city to invalidate any already returned absentee ballots and then issue new ballots that include his name as a candidate for mayor.

Business

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Miles said. "I can stand here today and say that we are proud to partner with the City of Romulus on the development and announcement of Ecorse Commons. Romulus is an up-and-coming community, and Northpoint is pleased to be the jet fuel."

The grand openings of LaserShip, Pitney Bowes, Hearn Industrial and DHL further demonstrate the rapid growth taking place across Romulus, with nearly 30 new businesses having launched in the city over the past 18 months as a result of FAST TRACK, an economic initiative implemented by the city to streamline the review and planning process, officials said. The 850,000-square-foot Amazon development is one that utilized the FAST TRACK program, as well as the 135,000-square-foot Kroger fulfillment center.

'When we think about what's happening here today in Romulus, it's about more than a $45 million dollar investment," Rahal said. "This is an old Brownfield site that's going to create jobs and increase investments, creating revenue for the city, the county, the region and local schools. This is a phenomenal development for this community, and I'm thrilled to be here to celebrate its success."

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